



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

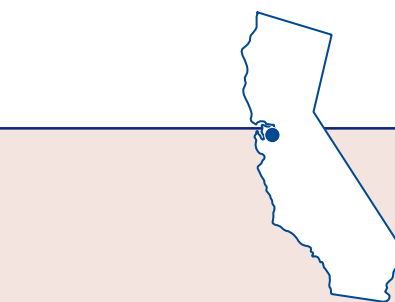
Livermore Redevelopment Agency, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Livermore Redevelopment Agency was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Livermore is a city of 76,700 residents, located between the Central Valley and San Francisco. Historical demand for services from travelers prompted the development of the downtown area. However, demand decreased as alternate highways were improved or built, and many downtown businesses closed. The area now has many vacant and underutilized lots, and suffers a high crime rate. The downtown target area consists of 522 parcels of land with 2,500 residents, 35 percent of whom are minorities. The unemployment rate in the area is 18



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Livermore Redevelopment Agency to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds and petroleum grant funds both will be used to perform Phase I and II assessments at sites to be selected within the downtown Livermore redevelopment target area. Grant funds also will be used to conduct cleanup planning and community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

percent, compared to two percent for the entire city. The target area has potential contaminants, including PCE from drycleaning operations, petroleum-based contaminants from auto-related businesses and gas stations, and other hazardous materials. The city plans to redevelop the area into a performing arts center, multi-screen theater, housing, artists' lofts, retail space, offices, and greenspace. The area will also be enhanced to accommodate multi-modal transportation. Redevelopment is expected to create 1,500 new long-term jobs and 4,500 short-term jobs, stimulate economic development, and contribute to the local tax base.